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IN No. 42, in the article "Beware of Dogs," by C. H. Balsbaugh, ninth line from beginning read *pivot* instead of *first*. Third column, tenth from top, for *larking* read *barking*.

LAST week we reported a very successful revival, held by brother I. D. Bowman, at Hudson, Iowa. This was a mistake. The meeting was held at Enon, instead of Hudson.

THE sermon published in our last issue was delivered at the Pennsylvania State Conference by brother J. C. Mackey, of Meyersdale. It appeared in the *Theocrat* of Johnstown. The brother will please excuse our neglect to give proper credit.

WE have already received a number of letters commending our plan in preparing a church year book or almanac. We shall endeavor to make it worthy the patronage of our people, and if possible, have it ready the beginning of December.

DOES your church arouse any opposition from the enemy in your community? If not, then you are accomplishing but very little. An active, praying, working church will not let the enemy rest in peace. The power of the church should be *felt* by the enemies.

WE have on hand the minutes of the Indiana and Pennsylvania State Conferences. Last week we published the proceedings of the Michigan Conference, this week we give the work of the Kanemorado District. We do not think it best to report more than one of these conferences in one issue and our readers will therefore have to wait their turn.

AT this time of the year, when so many members are added to the church, pastors and evangelists should see that these new members subscribe for the EVANGELIST. On an average the addition of ten members should mean not less than *three* new subscribers for the paper. Pastors will find that no other agency will help them so much in their work, as the church paper in the homes of their members. Where new members are taken into the church, see to it that they get the paper. The addition of members to your congregation should mean additional *strength* added to its spiritual power.

WE believe that it is entirely possible to secure 3,000 subscribers for 1896. There are many appeals made to our people for help along the various lines of church work. The missionary cause is to be supported; Ashland University debt is to be wiped out; the theological chair is to be sustained; besides these there are many other calls for money, *but remember brethren, that among your first duties is the support of your paper.* Nothing else should be allowed to interfere with it. If there is one thing you cannot afford to let go, it is your church paper. See that you subscribe for it, and that you read it.

THE subject of Christian unity is now receiving more than usual attention. There are, before the churches, three plans which look toward Christian union—the Papal, the Episcopal, and the Congregational. The Papal proposes that all churches acknowledge allegiance to the Pope of Rome, and recognize his divine right to govern the church. This plan the Protestant church cannot accept. The Episcopal plan is more liberal. It proposes as a basis of union acceptance of the Bible, of the two great historic creeds, of the two sacraments, and of the historic episcopate. It is not likely that church union can be secured on this basis. The Congregational plan for church union is the most reasonable yet brought before the public and deserves the consideration of every believer in Christ. The *National Council* says:

We propose to other Protestant Evangelical Churches a union based on:

1. By acceptance of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments inspired by the Holy Ghost to be the only authoritative revelation of God to man.
2. Discipline of Jesus Christ, the divine Savior and Teacher of the world.
3. The church of Christ, which is his body, whose great mission it is to preach his Gospel to the world.
4. Liberty of conscience in the interpretation of the Scriptures, and in the administration of the church.